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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicants : Donald L. Glick et al.
Filed : October 31, 2000
Art Unit : 3626
Examiner : Joseph Thomas

Docket No. : BRM0002
Customer No. : 27268

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Advisory Action dated December 30, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments after final do not raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search.

Specifically, the proposed deletion of counseling programs and foreign mission operations from claims 1, 2 and 3 does not shift the scope away from the invention previously recited in the claims, rather further restricts the invention to a smaller subset of the invention that the Examiner purportedly fully examined in prior correspondence.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the denial of entry of the amendments, the entry of those amendments, and allowance of the application as the prior amendment after final was timely filed within the period for response.

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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a refund for the \$430.00 extension fee which was charged to the charge account No. 02-0390 regarding the above-identified application. On January 21, 2005, Applicants' attorney requested reconsideration of the procedural step of the Examiner which denied entry of a timely-filed amendment. The request for reconsideration was not a request to reconsider the merits of the application, but rather was the procedural request to correct an obvious procedural error conducted by the examiner. Since the amendment mailed on October 27, 2004, was presented within the three-month shorten statutory, no extension of time was needed for that amendment which was properly presented and should have been entered by the examining attorney.

Also, no additional charges are authorized by the filing of this paper, as such extensions would be inappropriate as we are already outside of the statutory response time.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a))

I hereby certify that, on the date shown below, this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage for first class mail in an envelope addressed to the address above on May 16, 2005.

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